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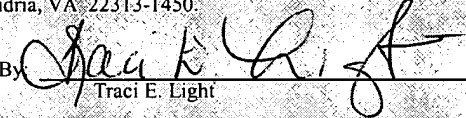
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Douglas P. Hart *et al.*  
Serial No.: 09/617,556  
Filed: 07/17/00  
Entitled: Textured Seal For Reduced Wear

Art Unit: 3679  
Examiner: Binda

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT  
AMENDMENT MAILED JANUARY 18, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dated: <u>February 18, 2005</u>	By:  Traci E. Light

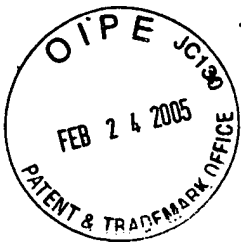
Sir:

In response to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" mailed on January 18, 2005, the Applicants submit, for entry into the record, the instant Response, thereby, correcting the informalities in the amendments to the claims included in the Applicants' Response to the non-final Office Action mailed on July 27, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(h), the Applicants now only submit the "Amendment to the Claims" portion of the Response filed on December 27, 2004 and, therefore, refer the Examiner to their paper filed on December 27, 2004 for remarks in response to the Office Action mailed on July 27, 2004.

Finally, since the Applicants file the instant Response within the one month shortened statutory period set out in the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" mailed on January 18, 2005; the Applicants submit that no extension fees need be file with the instant Response. Nonetheless, out of an abundance of caution, the Applicants have (in the attached transmittal papers) authorized the debit, of their representative's deposit account, to fund any fees that may be due in filing the instant Response.

**Amendment To The Claims:** begin on page two of this paper.



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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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Sir or Madam:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims	10	-	40	0	x	50.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	0	x	200.00	\$0.00

Small Entity 50%  
Filing Fee Reduction \$0.00  
**TOTAL DUE \$0.00**

1. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees necessary for extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1290. **An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.**

Dated: February 18, 2005

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